

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:44
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EXPORT OF KNITWEAR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to achieve the knitwear export target;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to improve the infrastructure to compete with China and other countries in the global market ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 44 FOR ANSWER ON 25.11.2005

(a) A number of steps have been taken by the Government from time to time to promote export of textiles including knitweaves. Some of these include dereservation of readymade garments, hosiery and knitwear from the SSI sector, 100% Foreign Direct Investment in the textile sector, Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC), Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS), Apparel Park for Exports Scheme (APES) and Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP).

(b) & (c) With a view to provide improved infrastructure to the Indian textile industry, the Government have taken the following measures:-

(i) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been in operation since 1999 to facilitate the modernization and technological upgradation of the sector. The scheme has been further fine-tuned to increase the rapid investments in the targeted sub-sectors of the textile industry. Upto 30 September 2005, an amount of Rs. 12759 crore on 4047 applications has been sanctioned and Rs. 8401 crore on 3415 applications have been disbursed.

(ii) To augment the availability of quality raw material at a competitive price, the Government launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC). Incentives are provided for better farm practices, quality seeds, improvement in market infrastructure and modernisation of ginning & pressing sector. Under the Mission, the development of 161 market yards and modernization of 616 ginning and pressing factories has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.1113.83 crore. Of this, the share of Government of India is Rs. 296.30 crore.

(iii) With the objectives of imparting a focused thrust to set up apparel units of international standards and upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres, the Government had launched the Apparel Park for Exports Scheme (APES), and Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS). Under these two schemes 30 projects have been sanctioned with an estimated support from Government of India of Rs. 462.50 crore. However, after reviewing the implementation of these two schemes, a new scheme, namely, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks has been launched by merging the two schemes. This scheme is based on Public-Private Partnership (PPP), and would equip the industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units to meet international environmental and social standards. Government of India support under the scheme by way of grant or equity shall be limited to 40% of the project cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 40 crore.